

20 January 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Meeting of Col. Burke with Gen. Goodpaster

1. CORONA. General Goodpaster had no questions with regard to the short memorandum prepared by Mr. Bissell on the subject of numbers of people involved in the exploitation of CORONA take.

25X1C 2. Albanian Mission. General Goodpaster was advised that this mission was in response to [] that it would not go closer than three miles to the coastline; that it would be accomplished only in very good weather; and that it will not be accomplished if it interferes with our proposed staging operation.

25X1C 3. Staging Operation. At his request, I explained to General Goodpaster that [] had approved in principle a series of missions; that it appeared we might be able only to pre- or post-strike [] remaining on the ground only a short period of time; that the U. S. is going to discuss the use of [] and that we may operate from [] with landings either in [] The earliest time we would be in place for operations would be 7 February 1959. 25X1C

25X1C General Goodpaster said of course the President will have a chance to say "yes" or "no" on the forthcoming missions as each comes up. I told him I was of the impression that he desired to have nothing to do with the approvals; that they should be treated [] He stated that he believed the President should have an opportunity to turn down any specific mission. I told him that the appropriate State Department officials would be advised prior to a mission being run; that General Goodpaster would of course be advised, but that this timing might be as close as from 12 to 5 hours prior to take-off. He stated that he would like to be briefed on the missions.

Then, using a world atlas, I pointed out all of the missions to him, emphasizing the fact that any route planned this far in

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advance would probably not be strictly adhered to but that maximum intelligence objectives would be laid on for each sortie in the light of the forecast weather. I stated that he would be briefed on the sorties, showing slices of areas in which important targets lay, and that there will be a desired route indicated also. He said he would like to see this within the next couple of weeks.

25X1C He then referred to his file to read his understanding of

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response to a direct question from the Secretary. I have a Memo for the Record on this meeting.)

25X1A 4. On my return to the office, I met with Messrs. Cunningham, [REDACTED] and discussed specifics and timing with regard to any blocking tactics. In view of the complex staging plan, [REDACTED] 25X1C

25X1C [REDACTED] be impressed with the need for individual mission approval 3 to 5 days in advance due to logistics, communications, etc., needs. This would give us sufficient time in Washington, through people like [REDACTED] and 25X1A General Goodpaster to permit blocking, if desired. As a last ditch measure we can, of course, block based on weather, and I have completed arrangements to receive weather forecasts from Weather Central prior to the time they are plotted in the Control Room. This of course would be done only as a matter of last resort and would be done in the last 24 hours preceding the mission. Personnel aware of the system would be only the weather people here, [REDACTED] and myself.

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